

DIARY NOTES

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18 March 1954

1. Reviewed the budget presentation with Ed Saunders and [REDACTED] prior to having a very rough, dry run for the Director in his Conference Room at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

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2. Conducted a DD/A Staff Meeting. (See Minutes)

3. Jim Garrison submitted a staff study which concluded that construction of a new Records Center [REDACTED] was the most feasible solution to our records center problem. General Cabell has approved of the proposed plan and I will seek the Director's approval tomorrow morning.

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4. Jim Garrison reports that after thorough consideration he does not think we have a strong case to request the purchase of another offset press for the Reproduction Division. I gave him the background of some of our experiences with the Joint Committee on Printing after which we agreed that if we did not have a strong case it would be better not to make any requests at this time. After the budget hearings I will arrange to have Jim meet the Staff Director on the Joint Committee on Printing, James L. Harrison, on an occasion when we will not be requesting anything.

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5. Agreed with Ed Saunders that the [REDACTED] need not be presented to the Project Review Committee. Asked him to advise [REDACTED] accordingly and stated that unless General Cabell wanted it submitted to the Committee to go ahead and make arrangements [REDACTED]

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6. Told Larry Houston to make plans as to how the Office of the General Counsel could use the second floor of the Administration Building.

7. Larry Houston and I presented General Cabell and Mr. Dulles with a draft of a letter which we proposed to have J. Edgar Hoover write to Mr. Dulles requesting the transfer to the Federal Bureau of Investigation of [REDACTED]. Mr. Dulles approved of the draft with my modifications and Larry was requested to get in touch with [REDACTED] without delay in order to expedite this matter prior to our budget hearings.

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8. At Shef Edwards' request [REDACTED] was up to brief me on some developments and to express Security Office concern with the latest draft of the

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Psychological Assessment vs. Psychiatric Programs. This draft has expanded the original problem into a much greater one wherein it could easily be interpreted that decisions by the Security or Medical Offices could be vetoed by the Assistant Director for Personnel either without reviewing the evidence in a case or after reviewing the evidence, which, of course, would in many instances be completely contrary to the privacy that should be afforded such information in accordance with elementary security considerations and basic medical ethics. To substantiate his suspicion that a power play to this effect was in the making he presented conclusive and unquestionable evidence of a conversation between Matt Baird and [REDACTED] in which they agreed that this was exactly what should be done, Mr. [REDACTED] pointing out that they should be very careful to use words which would not arouse suspicion and thereby make the whole thing a very simple fait accompli. Colonel Baird concurred in this idea and stated that he would help the Office of Personnel fight to gain its objective. H

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